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# Crown won't appeal Stobbe acquittal

**Justice.** Man was found not guilty of his wife's slaying earlier this year after seven-week trial

Prosecutors will not appeal the acquittal of a former Manitoba government official who was accused of killing his wife 12 years ago.

The Crown says prosecutors have concluded there are no legal grounds to appeal a jury's not-guilty verdict on Mark Stobbe.

Stobbe was put on trial for second-degree murder in the slaying of Beverly Rowbotham 12 years ago. Stobbe, who worked for NDP governments

in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, has always insisted he had nothing to do with her death.

The Crown in Manitoba has issued a statement the case could not clear the legal bar to justify an appeal.

"The legal standard for the Crown to bring an appeal is a legal error on a question of law arising during the trial that reasonably could have had a material impact on the decision made by the jury," the statement said. "The review found that no legal error could be established. Accordingly, an appeal will not be taken of the acquittal."

Rowbotham's hatchet-bludgeoned body was found in her car 15 kilometres away from the couple's home in St. An-

drew's, Man., in October 2000. Evidence suggested she was killed in her own backyard and her body taken there in the family car.

Stobbe and Rowbotham moved to Manitoba from Saskatchewan when Stobbe took a job as a communications adviser to the then newly-elected NDP government of Gary Doer.

Her murder became one of the province's most puzzling unsolved crimes. The trial heard from 80 witnesses in a case that largely focused on circumstantial evidence.

After the trial, Stobbe's lawyer, Tim Killeen, questioned why the Crown decided to proceed with the trial with so little evidence that tied Stobbe to the killing. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# A TIME TO DANCE

**Bella Flett, 19, of the National Aboriginal School of Dance, performs at an event to mark International Dance Day in Winnipeg at Assiniboine Park, Sunday afternoon. SHANE GIBSON/METRO**

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**PUB cuts gas**

The Public Utility Board has approved a 20 per cent cut in primary gas rates for Centra Gas customers in Manitoba.

The new rate for primary gas will be set at 8.8-cents per cubic metre, down from 11.05-cents per cubic metre as of May 1.

Annual bills for residential customers will decrease by roughly \$67.

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**North End**

**Two girls arrested for robbery**

Two sixteen-year-old girls are facing charges after the female youths stole a number of cartons of smokes from a North End business at knife-point Friday night.

The two suspects entered a store in the 600 block of Selkirk Avenue around 8 p.m. and snuck into a storage room where they began stealing the cartons of cigarettes.

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**Pembina Highway**

**Boy, 13, hit by van**

A 13-year-old boy is the victim in a motor vehicle collision being investigated by Winnipeg police.

On Thursday afternoon, police were called to Pembina Highway and Kirkbridge Drive where their investigation revealed the boy was hit by a southbound Pontiac van, which was being driven by a 44-year-old female. The road was closed and later re-opened.

Police said the boy sustained injuries but didn't give more details. He is now in stable condition. METRO

**Crime. Spence stabbing ruled as homicide**

A man found lying in a Spence area street suffering from stab wounds last Tuesday has become the city's 13th homicide victim of the year.

Police were called to the area of Notre Dame Avenue and Balmoral Street around 2:30 a.m. after a passerby noticed an injured 26-year-old man lying in the roadway.

The man has rushed to hospital in critical condition where police say he succumbed to his injuries over the weekend.

Meanwhile, police are on the lookout for a number of suspects after another violent night and early morning in Winnipeg left two men in hospital with stab wounds.

Police were called to the area of Magnus Avenue and Charles Street around 8 p.m. Saturday after a 27-year-old man was attacked and stabbed by four males.

The victim was taken to a hospital and is now in stable condition.

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**Fire. Damage to Redwood home estimated at \$20K**

From the front, it may not look like much fire damage to a home on Redwood Avenue, but take a look at the back.

Firefighters and emergency personnel were called to the residence in the 700-block of Redwood at about 4:30 a.m.

According to Winnipeg Police, a 38-year-old woman was able to get out and was not injured.

Damage to the home is estimated at \$20,000. The Arson Strike Force is investigating.

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The back porch of the Redwood Avenue home. ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO

**Feds dedicate \$11.5M to battle homelessness**

**Charities.** Partnering Strategy program focused on prevention and reduction initiatives



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Transitional housing and support services for homeless Winnipeggers got a boost in funding support from the federal government.

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews announced \$11.5 million over the next two years through the Homelessness Partnering Strategy, a community-based program aimed at preventing and reducing homelessness by providing funding to 61 designated communities across Canada.

The program helps those who are homeless and those who are at risk of becoming homeless, such as people with low incomes, seniors, recent immigrants and aboriginals.

"Our government is giving a hand-up to Canadians with



Mayor Sam Katz, left, thanked Minister Vic Toews for \$11.5-million over two years in funding to provide support for Winnipeggers who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

housing needs and is breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty," said Toews during a press conference at Winnipeg's City Hall. "We're working with communities like the City of Winnipeg and charitable organizations to improve the effectiveness of charitable spending."

Mayor Sam Katz said many organizations will benefit from the new funding, including Siloam Mission, Main Street Project, the Salvation Army, Resource Assistance for Youth

(RaY), and Native Women's Transition Centre.

"This arrangement gives us the ability to work with our local agencies that specialize in addressing homelessness issues at the grassroots level," said Katz. "Together we can identify supports and services that are necessary, and then draw upon the funding to deliver."

Floyd Perras, executive director of Siloam Mission, serves on the advisory committee to the Homeless Partnering Strategy and attended the city hall

announcement.

Perras said that for organizations such as his, knowing that they have secure funding for more than a year at a time is appreciated, especially during a recession when governments are looking to belt-tighten.

"It's positive that the community is working together to determine how to best utilize the resources," said Perras.

Katz said once the funds arrive, it will be distributed through the Winnipeg Housing and Homelessness Initiative.

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**Turning tail**

A wayward dolphin that has spent three days in a narrow wetlands channel along the southern California coast was on its way out to the ocean Saturday when it suddenly turned tail and swam back to shallow waters. Watch at metronews.ca

**50 Shades with Ellen**

While hundreds of readers flocked to book-signings and sold-out talks by Fifty Shades of Grey author E L James over the weekend, some are finding the novels hard to digest. Watch Ellen DeGeneres read the steamy novel at metronews.

**Mobile news**



Glimmers of hope are appearing in Haiti's devastated capital as hotels rise over a city still filled with displaced-persons camps housing hundreds of thousands. At least seven hotels are under development in Port-au-Prince and its surrounding areas, which could soon be filled with investors and tourists. Scan the code for the story.

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## Quebec tuition war

## Student group says no to offer of tuition increase over seven years

One of Quebec's most powerful student groups has shot down Premier Jean Charest's revised offer on tuition fees.

The C.L.A.S.S.E. student federation voted against Charest's proposal to stretch the tuition increase over seven years instead of five.

Two other student groups are still debating.

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## Transparency?

## Mulcair will push to lift Harper's secrecy veil

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair is working to lift the shroud of secrecy he believes has spread over Ottawa under the Harper government.

In keeping public information under wraps, the Conservatives are unmatched, he says.

Mulcair made the comments a day after the Canadian Association of Journalists granted Harper's government this year's Code of Silence Award. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Too big for coyotes?

## Wolves may be back in N.L. and New Brunswick

The sightings of two suspected wolves in Atlantic Canada in recent weeks has experts wondering why the animals may be where they have not been seen for decades.

An 82-pound canine was shot in Newfoundland in early March. At the beginning of April, a 90-pound animal was shot in New Brunswick. The province's Natural Resources Department took samples for DNA testing.

Biologists believe wolves were hunted to extinction in New Brunswick by 1860.

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## Hang-gliding death

## Detached from her harness

The RCMP is investigating after a woman, 27, fell to her death from a hang glider in B.C.'s Fraser Valley.

The woman's boyfriend was next in line for a glider ride and was watching when his girlfriend fell. It took hours to find the body below Mount Woodside.

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## Judges to weigh in on jury selection in aboriginal cases

## Ontario Court of Appeal case. No on-reserve First Nations people were on the juries that convicted two aboriginal men appealing their cases

system, such as their participation in the jury system," he said.

Last summer, the Ontario Court of Appeal upheld a manslaughter conviction against Clifford Kokopenace as reasonable.

However, in an unusual twist, the court put the ruling on hold in light of the constitutional challenge sparked by the jury-representation issue.

A non-aboriginal jury in Kenora, Ont., convicted Kokopenace in 2008 of stabbing a friend to death.

Also involved in the Court of Appeal hearing is Clare Spiers. He was convicted of first-degree murder in 2007 in Barrie, Ont., for kidnapping a woman and slitting her throat. No on-reserve residents were among the people offered for his jury.

The years-long underrepresentation of aboriginals first came to light at coroner's inquests in northern Ontario in 2007.

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The makeup of juries in Ontario goes on trial this week as two convicted killers fight their guilty verdicts in a case that goes to the heart of the justice system.

At issue before the province's top court is whether the aboriginal men were treated shabbily because on-reserve First Nations people were excluded from the juries that convicted them.

"Our society has proven to be very efficient at charging First Nations and jailing First Nations," said defence lawyer Julian Falconer.

"We don't seem so good at constructively involving First Nations in the justice

## High stakes

A Court of Appeal decision in the appellants' favour would have implications for how the Ministry of the Attorney General selects potential jurors. It might also offer grounds for similar court challenges.

- For its part, the Ontario government argues an accused has no "absolute right" to a representative jury.

- Ontario also argues that justice officials did their best to ensure representative juries but were stymied by privacy legislation and lack of co-operation by First Nation leaders.

- The Nishnawbe Aski Nation, argues neither the government's good intentions nor the diligence of court staff is relevant.

## Canadian on death row

## Inmate to plead for life at hearing

The lone Canadian on death row in the United States is expected to make a plea for his life at his clemency hearing in Montana this week.

Ronald Smith, 54, has been on death row since 1982 after he and an accomplice, both high on drugs, marched Thomas Running Rabbit and Harvey Mad Man Jr. into the woods and shot both of them in the head.

It was a cold-blooded crime. They wanted to steal the men's car, but Smith also said he wanted to know what it was like to kill someone.

His is the final name on the list of 16 witnesses put forward by his attorneys for the two-day clemency hearing before the Montana Board of Pardons and Parole beginning Wednesday.

The Harper government initially refused to back Smith's calls for clemency. But the Federal Court ruled it must follow the practice of lobbying on behalf of Canadians sentenced to death in other countries and the letter was sent.

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## Terrorism. Al-Qaida still dreaming of U.S. attack year after bin Laden death

A year after the U.S. raid that killed Osama bin Laden, al-Qaida is hobbled and hunted, too busy surviving for the moment to carry out another 9-11-style attack on U.S. soil.

But the terrorist network dreams still of payback, and U.S. counterterrorist officials warn that, in time, its offshoots may deliver.

A decade of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan that has cost the U.S. about \$1.28 trillion and 6,300 U.S. troops' lives has forced al-Qaida's affiliates to regroup, from Yemen to Iraq. Bin Laden's No. 2, Ayman al-Zawahiri, is thought to be hiding, out of U.S. reach, in Pakistan's mountains, just as bin Laden was for so many years.

"It's wishful thinking to say al-Qaida is on the brink of defeat," says Seth Jones, a Rand analyst and adviser to U.S. special operations forces.

"They have increased global presence, the number of attacks by affiliates has risen, and in some places like Yemen, they've expanded control of territory."

U.S. officials say bin Laden's old team is all but dismantled. But they say new branches are

## Update

U.S. counterterrorist forces have killed roughly half of al-Qaida's top 20 leaders since the raid that killed bin Laden.

- That includes U.S.-born cleric Anwar al-Awlaki, killed by a drone in Yemen last September, less than six months after bin Laden's death.

- Only a few of the original al-Qaida team remain, and most of the new names on the U.S. target lists are relative unknowns, officials say.

hitting Western targets and U.S. allies overseas, and still aspire to match their parent organization's milestone of Sept. 11, 2001.

U.S. officials say al-Qaida is less able to carry out a complex attack like Sept. 11 and they rule out al-Qaida's ability to attack with weapons of mass destruction in the coming year.

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## Re-building New York City's skyline

One World Trade Center towers above the Lower Manhattan skyline and Hudson River in New York in this March 26 file photo. One World Trade Center, the giant monolith being built to replace the twin towers destroyed in the Sept. 11 attacks, will lay claim to the title of New York City's tallest skyscraper on Monday as workers erect steel columns that will make its unfinished skeleton a little over 1,250 feet. The so-called Freedom Tower isn't expected to reach its full height for at least another year, at which point it is likely to be declared the tallest building in the U.S. **MARK LENNIHAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Nigeria

## Gunmen kill 16 worshippers

Gunmen attacked church services on a university campus Sunday in northern Nigeria, using small explosives to draw out and gun down panicking worshippers in an assault that killed at least 16

people, officials said.

The attackers targeted an old section of Bayero University's campus where religious groups use a theatre and other areas to hold worship services, Kano state police spokesman Ibrahim Idris said.

The assault left many others seriously wounded. No group immediately claimed responsibility. However, Idris

said the attackers used small explosives packed inside of aluminum soda cans for the assault, a method previously used by a radical Islamist sect known as Boko Haram.

After the attack, police and soldiers cordoned off the campus as gunfire echoed in the surrounding streets. Soldiers also turned away journalists from the university.

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## Boko Haram

The Islamist sect is waging a sectarian battle with Nigeria's central government.

- The sect has been blamed for killing more than 450 people this year alone, including Christians, Muslims and government officials.

## Presidential roast. Obama laughs off Secret Service scandal, Trump

President Barack Obama scattered the barbs during the annual White House Correspondents' Association dinner as he poked fun at election races past and present, the Secret Service and Donald Trump.

Even the entrance to his speech Saturday night was part of his comic performance. The president walked off stage just before he took the podium with an alleged "hot mic," in reference to getting caught last month on an open microphone with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev.

"What am I doing here," he asks off stage. "I'm opening for Jimmy Kimmel and telling knock-knock jokes to Kim Kar-

dashian."

Once on stage, the president revisited last year's dinner, which took place as Navy SEALs were dispatched to capture and kill Osama bin Laden.

"Last year at this time, this very weekend, we finally delivered justice to one of the world's most notorious individuals," Obama said. Then a picture of real estate mogul Donald Trump appeared on the room's television monitors.

The president last year delivered a scathing roast of Trump, who flirted with running for the Republican nomination and claimed he had solved the "mystery" of Obama's birth certificate. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### Airborne beer tent

## One dead after storm lifts beer tent

A fast-moving storm ripped a large beer tent near Busch Stadium from its moorings and sent it and debris hurtling through the air Saturday, killing one person and seriously injuring

several others.

The tent collapse at Kilroy's Sports Bar near Busch Stadium happened about 80 minutes after St. Louis' 7-3 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers.

Seventeen of the roughly 200 people in the tent were taken to hospitals and up to 100 others were treated at the scene.

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# Blind Chinese dissident escapes house arrest

## Breaking free.

Chen Guang, a self-taught legal activist, campaigned for human rights

The surprising escape of a blind legal activist from house arrest to the presumed custody of U.S. Diplomats is buoying China's embattled dissident community even as the government lashes out, detaining those who helped him and squelching mention of his name on the Internet.

The flight of Chen Guangcheng, a campaigner for disabled rights and against coercive family planning, is a challenge for China's authoritarian government and, if it's confirmed he is in U.S. custody, for Washington too. Assistant Secretary of State Kurt Campbell began a hurried mission to Beijing on Sunday to smooth the way for annual talks involv-



Escaped human activist Chen Guang. BOXUN.COM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ing his boss, Hillary Clinton, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and scores of officials.

Though Chen — a self-taught legal activist described by friends and supporters as calm and charismatic — hardly seems a threat, security forces and officials have reacted angrily, detaining several of

his supporters. A nephew who fought with officials after the escape was discovered is on the run.

Police showed up at the home of veteran activists Zeng Jinyan and Hu Jia, who met with Chen last week while he was hiding in Beijing.

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### Analysis

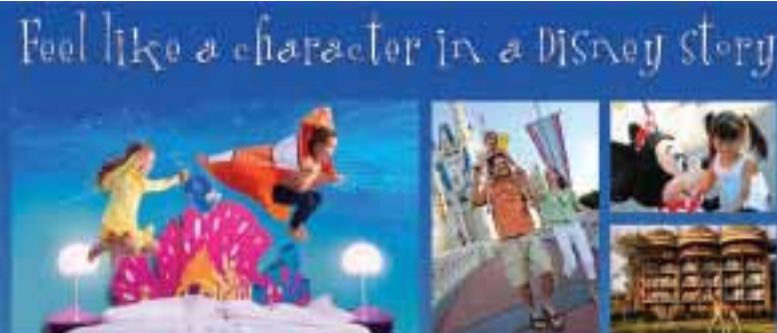
## U.S. seeks balance with China

A top White House aide on Sunday said President Barack Obama wants to strike an "appropriate balance" between advancing human rights and maintaining U.S. relations with China, the first public comments by the administration on its potential involvement in harbouring a Chinese activist on the eve of diplomatic talks between the two world powers.

John Brennan, Obama's counterterrorism adviser, declined to provide details on the incident or say whether the activist, Chen Guangcheng, might be hiding in the U.S. embassy in Beijing as reported.

Chen, who has exposed forced abortions and sterilizations in villages as a result of China's one-child policy, escaped house arrest a week ago in Shandong province in eastern China. Chinese-based activists say he was driven away by supporters and then handed over to others who brought him to Beijing.

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## DNC List. Telemarketing firms to pay costs of violation investigations

Telemarketers will soon be asked to pony up for the costs of investigating their own industry.

The Conservatives are announcing that they will transfer the costs of probes and enforcement of the Do Not Call List to the industry itself.

The industry already pays for administering the Do Not Call List, which includes about 10.6 million registered phone and fax numbers.

"The government's taking steps to make sure it's sustainable in the long term and will not be funded by the taxpayers, but is instead funded by the telemarketers," said Mike Lake, parliamentary secretary to the

### Countering calls

- The CRTC will consult with the telemarketing companies this fall on how fees will be levied.
- It has imposed more than \$2.1 million in fines over three years to firms that violated the rules.
- A recent survey suggested 78 per cent of Canadians on the DNC list felt they were getting fewer calls.

Industry minister.  
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### Allegations

#### Former SNC-Lavalin exec arrested

A former executive of Canadian engineering giant SNC-Lavalin has been arrested in Switzerland.

A spokeswoman for the Swiss government says Riadh Ben Aissa is accused of fraud

and corruption.

Jacqueline Buhlman says in an email to The Canadian Press that the allegations are in connection with alleged business dealings in northern Africa, but won't comment further.

Aissa was the executive vice-president of construction, but parted ways with the company earlier this year along with another SNC executive.

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# Facebook co-founder back in the startup game



Dustin Moskovitz, co-founder of the collaborative software company Asana, outside his office in San Francisco. ERIC RISBER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Tech trends.** Having seen his code change the world once before, Dustin Moskovitz aims high again with new software company

Facebook co-founder and former Mark Zuckerberg roommate Dustin Moskovitz is by many accounts the world's youngest self-made billionaire. But the 27-year-old isn't sipping champagne in the Caribbean.

Instead he's thrown himself back into San Francisco's startup mix, even as Facebook's looming IPO seems likely to send his wealth spiraling even higher.

### Work ethic

"If we were just retired, we wouldn't be serving anyone."

Dustin Moskovitz, Facebook co-founder and head of Asana, a new project-management startup

Moskovitz and his friend Justin Rosenstein, a former Facebooker himself worth \$150 million, head a company called Asana, which just launched the first paid version of its online project management service.

During a recent interview at their inconspicuous Mission District offices, the pair said they come to work every day because, their fortunes already made, they still have to do something with their lives.

"When we think of work, we think of work as an act of service, as an act of love for humanity," said Rosenstein, 28.

In keeping with the recent startup trend of shunning hierarchies, the pair do not have separate offices but sit among the other employees at Asana, which number 24 in all.

Several marquee tech companies have embraced Asana, the company reports, such as Twitter, LinkedIn and FourSquare. Individual backers betting on Asana include venture-capital celebrities like Peter Thiel and Mark Andreessen, as well as several of Facebook's earliest employees.

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concerns and reacting to emergencies (like fires, earthquakes, or the occasional appearance of Godzilla).

While the goal of the game was to create a thriving, sustainable metropolis, first-time players nearly always got distracted by building the fun stuff — amusement parks, stadiums, arenas, convention centres and aquariums — instead of looking after basic services and planning. Inevitably the city crumbled, expenses soared and citizens complained.

## The proof is in the Village

And for proof we can just look to Osborne Village, which was named “Canada’s Great Neighbourhood” by the Canadian Institute of Planners last week. It’s built to a pedestrian scale, and has great transit connections. It has a vibrant mix of residential and commercial buildings, and an even more vibrant mix of people.

But the reality is those sorts of not-so-glamorous actions are going to do a lot more to make our city livable than any number of “world-class” attractions.

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In other words, it’s exactly the opposite of almost every new development that’s taken place in Winnipeg in decades. And it managed to earn the distinction of “Canada’s Great Neighbourhood” without being home to a single water park.

Interestingly, the first new version of Sim City in almost a decade is being readied for launch next year. Compared to previous generations, it’s rumoured to put much more emphasis on the way people actually move around a city and interact with each other, and will include mixed use zoning and sustainable design principles. Maybe our local politicians could use it to upgrade their own understanding of effective urban planning. Or they could just spend a bit more time in the Village.

## Weird news

### Want to buy a town in Georgia? Developer looks to sell

A developer in south Georgia is looking for someone to buy a small town.

Toomsboro, a small community with about 700 residents, has one convenience store, a florist, a custom cabinet shop and a post office. The Coastal Courier reports that developer David Bumgardner, who owns many of the properties in

town, is putting them on the market.

Bumgardner bought some of the properties from preservationist Bill Lucado and snagged others at an auction about a decade ago with the intention of turning Toomsboro into a quaint tourist town.

But his plans changed. Now Bumgardner and Lucado are putting the town up for sale again. Lucado thinks it would be a perfect fit for a movie production company seeking a set or a music company looking for a great venue.

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Remember the old video game Sim City?

It let players be the mayor/planner of their own city, building all the infrastructure, setting tax rates, responding to resident

Herein lies the problem with our real city today: it’s like it’s being run by a bunch of Sim City rookies.

Our civic leaders are far more interested in building attractions than neighbourhoods. A new stadium here, an expanded convention centre there, and a fancy museum to boot. IKEA! Bigger zoo! And where do we put the water park?

It’s understandable that cutting the ribbon on a shiny new building is a lot more fun — and generally gets more media attention — than changing minimum parking requirements for a development, approving a zoning variance for a restaurant patio, or saving a few heritage structures to protect the character of a historic community.

# First year of marriage a ‘10 out of 10’



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## Royal

### Britain’s sweethearts still adored worldwide

It’s been a year since they declared their love for each other in the most anticipated wedding of the decade, but 12 months haven’t been enough to quell the public passion for the newest royal couple.

Prince William and Kate spent their first year as newlyweds under the sort of global spotlight usually reserved for Hollywood a-listers.

The couple retreated from the spotlight after their nup-

tials, only to re-emerge with greater star power than ever on their first visit abroad. The newlyweds’ nine-day, whirlwind tour of Canada, observers say, showed the couple off at their best.

Their more informal attitudes set the tone for the trip as they freely mingled with rapturous crowds, participated in Canadian sports such as street hockey and faced off against one another in a dragon boat race. Kate’s now legendary fashion sense was also on full display as she modeled outfits from home-grown designers and even donned the national colours in honour of Canada Day.

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## Anniversary

“They’ve covered all the bases. They’ve had an international trip, they’ve had local visits, work with charitable causes. They’ve engaged in their work roles admirably. I think you could really give them a 10 out of 10 when it comes to their performance over the first year.”

Rafal Heydel-Mankoo  
Royal commentator

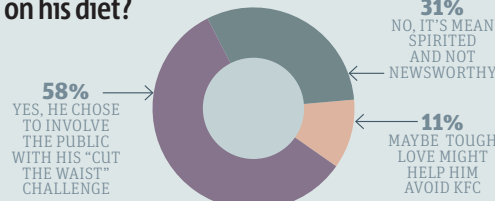
## Observers say:

- Much of Kate’s behaviour is the result of lessons learned in the aftermath of previous broken royal marriages.
- William’s mother, Diana, and former aunt, Sarah Ferguson, both complained about feeling isolated and overwhelmed in their first years of marriage to royalty. Kate has received extensive coaching on maintaining a balance between public and private responsibilities.



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## SCENE

## Scene in brief

**Avengers living up to the buzz**

The superhero saga *The Avengers* is living up to its blockbuster buzz with \$178.4 million in overseas ticket sales days before it opens in U.S. theatres.

Domestic audiences seem to be in anticipation mode for the movie, which debuts Friday in the United States after launching in 39 other countries a week earlier. Fans generally passed on a bunch of new flicks, leaving the ensemble comedy *Think Like a Man* at No. 1 domestically for the second-straight weekend with \$18 million.

Four movies were bunched up for the No. 2 spot in the \$11 million range: animated comedy *The Pirates! Band of Misfits*, romantic drama *The Lucky One*, blockbuster *The Hunger Games*, and romantic comedy *The Five-Year Engagement*.

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## On the web



Glee star Chris Colfer writes his ticket in Hollywood with films, books and a Disney pilot



Daniel Craig stars in *Skyfall*. HANDOUT

# Get ready for more Bond

**007 is back.** Metro talks to the film's producer and star in the first of a three-part series on the upcoming Bond flick

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Metro World News in Buckinghamshire

"Not bad for a physical wreck, James," the villain taunts, as Her Majesty's finest spy rains Walther PPK bullets at him. "You should see my latest toy," he laughs, and an explosion tears through the subway station.

Welcome to *Skyfall*, Bond 23. At Pinewood Studios in leafy Buckinghamshire, shooting is nearly complete on the latest edition of cinema's longest-running franchise, 50 years after Dr. No introduced us to Mr. Kiss Kiss Bang Bang.

There is a sense of relief on set as, four years after *Quantum of Solace*, a troubled production nears a happy ending. Studio MGM's bankruptcy delayed filming for a year, an anxious wait for the cast and crew.

"It was driving us crazy," says producer Barbara Broccoli. "It would have been very disappointing not to have a film in our anniversary year. We just kept being

focused and kept working."

Eventually the financial problems were resolved by a partnership with Sony, and now that the light of *Skyfall*'s November release is in sight, James Bond himself — Daniel Craig — is feeling confident. "This sets a new benchmark," the 44-year-old said. "The talent that we managed to pool in this movie is just phenomenal."

The delay allowed time for an A-list cast to be recruited on both sides of the camera. American Beauty Oscar-winner Sam Mendes directs, with Javier Bardem and Ralph Fiennes among the new stars.

Despite the injection of heavyweight talent, Craig says fans of the all-action series need not worry the movie

will be too serious. "Sam's a boy. He likes to blow shit up." Pyrotechnic sequences to watch out for include a subway train destroying an underground set and a gunfight in a hall of mirrors.

Plot details have been highly classified, but Sony has revealed that M16 comes under attack, and that Judi Dench's M is somehow responsible.

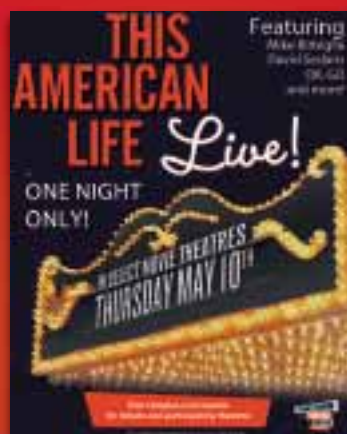
Bardem plays the criminal mastermind Raoul Silva who leads the assault on Bond and the secret service. Advance shots reveal the targets include Bond's home — *Skyfall* lodge, seen for the first time in the series' history.

Typically exotic locations include Istanbul and Shang-

## Leading ladies

Pick up tomorrow's Metro to find out what happened to some of our favourite Bond Girls from the past and we'll introduce you to 007's newest lady. Go online to [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca) features for our complete look at 50 years of James Bond movies.

hai, and 007 will have his hands full keeping three stunning Bond girls happy. British singer Adele is likely to perform the theme song. "It would be great if she would do it," Broccoli said.



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**The Word**

## A weekend of renewing wedding vows, celebrity-style



**THE WORD**  
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Are you a celebrity couple who needs a good reason to send out a press release? But you don't feel like 1) Announcing a pregnancy or 2) Getting a divorce? Then just renew your wedding vows! It's a surefire way to get some attention thrown your way.

First up this weekend? Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon renewed their vows Friday at the Eiffel Tower in Paris. Spokeswoman Cindi Berger said the couple celebrated with an "intimate ceremony after a romantic dinner at the beautiful Jules Verne restaurant." I love how "intimate" these days refers to having a hoard of photographers on the scene — as well as a publicist.

Not to be outdone, LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Cibrian

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renewed their vows on a romantic trip to Calabasas, Calif., on Friday.

"We renewed our vows today ... it's incredible to thank each other for the past year as husband and wife," Rimes tweeted. "Here's to another great

year!"

You know, it's probably bad form to be so cynical. After all, with the way Hollywood marriages last, recognizing any amount of time together without getting divorced should be celebrated.

## Why Charlize is still single

Ever wonder why a stunner like Charlize Theron is still single? She (jokingly) blames Tom Hanks and Daryl Hannah (as well as the state of the movie-making industry) for a lack of a wedding ring.

"If I knew that 3D was going to be such a big deal, I would have gotten that boob job 10 years ago," Theron quipped while accepting a Distinguished Decade of Achievement in Film award at CinemaCon last week, according to *Us Weekly*. She also took a moment to celebrate the power of movies.

"I think we really learn from these stories," she said. "I mean, I learned everything about love watching *Splash*. That's why I'm still single, so thanks, Tom Hanks and Daryl Hannah for that."



## Bieber's comments land him in trouble

Justin Bieber is under fire in Indonesia after some offhand remarks he made about the country, where he recorded a track on his new album.

During an event in London last week, Bieber said the song was recorded in "some random country" where "they didn't know what they were doing." And now folks in Indonesia are striking back: this weekend, North Sumatra teen pop radio station KISS 105 FM banned Bieber's music, according to the *Jakarta Post*.

"His tone was very condescending and he is just a 19-year-old boy. This is a country with more than 200 million citizens," Kiss FM executive producer Anggi Simanjuntak says, while one of the station's on-air personalities says the ban would be lifted if Bieber "apologized in a sweet manner and promised not to say such things about Indonesia again."

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## LIFE

### Guidelines

### Cancer survivors

The American Cancer Society is recommending that cancer survivors exercise more and improve their diets to help prevent the disease from coming back.

On Thursday, the society released new guidelines, saying there's now enough evidence to strongly recommend physical activity and better nutrition for survivors. The message: For many cancers, maintaining a healthy weight, exercising and eating a healthy diet can reduce the risk that cancer will return.

At least two other organizations have issued similar advice.

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### On the Web



University creates splash in medical world with new surgery simulation centre



Use websites as a tool to foster activities, not as a babysitter, says Krista Swanson of [yummymummyclub.ca](http://yummymummyclub.ca). ISTOCK

# Clicking for little hands

**Internet.** More websites are being geared to children

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Are they safe? Are they educational? Do we really want to encourage our kids to hang out in front of a computer screen all day?

Krista Swanson, a blogger for [yummymummyclub.ca](http://yummymummyclub.ca), says computing for a kid

is a new reality.

"We can't say kids 'shouldn't' be on the computer because other kids are," says Swanson. "As long as you know they're safe."

The mother of a five-year-old boy says she stills thinks parents should "limit screen time."

And there really is no "right" amount of time either, says Swanson.

Parents have to know their kids and their kids' limits to determine a healthy amount of time to be in front of a computer, she adds.

It's easy for kids to be-

come obsessed with an activity if they really like it, be it reading, sports or surfing the web, Swanson says.

"When they are on the computer, you don't just walk away," says Swanson. "Use it as a tool to build conversations or foster activities. Don't just use it as a babysitter."

One kids' website that meets Swanson's approval is [totallyrandom.ca](http://totallyrandom.ca), a new (and Canadian!) site targeting kids aged seven to 11.

"Totally Random introduces kids to editing digital media and safe social networking," says Chelsea

O'Connor, the production manager for [totallyrandom.ca](http://totallyrandom.ca). "We give the kids challenges on the website so they have a starting point for their creativity."

The site combines television broadcasts hosted by three kids with interactive computer gaming.

Kids create a profile with an avatar name and animation. They have access to a number of creative tools to create and edit artwork, or they can watch Totally Random "episodes" online.

Swanson says [totallyrandom.ca](http://totallyrandom.ca) is colourful and easy for kids to figure out.

"One of the great things about Totally Random is there's no way for them to accidentally click off the site," says Swanson. "Some of the more 'cheaply done' sites have advertisements that may not apply to kids."

Even if some of the games kids end up playing on the computer are mindless, Swanson says there is educational value in everything. Kids are still practicing motor skills by interacting with the computer and mouse, the same way they might learn those skills from playing board games.

# Pop culture's part in picking baby's name

The buzz surrounding some of pop culture's hottest trends has trickled down to 2012's growing list of hot baby names.

Nameberry analyzed more than three million views of the site's individual name pages so far in 2012, then compared the numbers with this time last year. A handful of names have jumped in status and are on a path to being some of the year's most popular choices on the part of new parents. You'll surely recognize them.

1. Rue — the lovable underdog who met her fate at age 12 in The Hunger Games has succeeded in more than just

winning our hearts. We're now naming our babies after her.

2. Emmett and other "ett" names. "Think of ett at the newest 'it' ending for boys' names," Nameberry says. Let's not forget it's also the name of one of Twilight's sexiest vampires, Emmett Cullen.

3. Ivy. Made famous by the equally famous infant daughter of two of the world's most famous music stars. Beyoncé and Jay-Z's daughter, Blue Ivy Carter, made headlines as soon as she came into this world, both for her unique celebrity name and for the ridiculous way her parents comman-

deered an entire floor of the maternity ward.

4. Weston, Wesley, and West. The age old debate between the West and East coasts seems to be settled, at least when it comes to baby names. Jenna Fischer from The Office led the trend when she named her son Weston.

5. Adele. A rather old-fashioned name made popular once again with the rise of Grammy award-winning singer Adele. But unlike most of the girls who are named Adele, the starlet vocalist dropped her last name.

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The outside world is influencing baby names. ISTOCK

# Deep-fried-vegetarian delights make perfect appy



## Blue Cheese Fritters.

Serve these tasty bites hot with salad and a fruit coulis

A fritter is food, either savoury or sweet, that has been coated in batter and deep-fried.

These blue cheese fritters are best when they're served hot with salad leaves and a fruit coulis.

If you're serving this Blue Cheese Fritters recipe as a main dish, it'll make enough fritters for four people.

1. In a medium pan, add

### Ingredients

- 300 ml (1 1/4 cups) water
- 125 ml plus 15 ml (1/2 cup plus 1 tbsp) butter
- 250 ml (1 cup) all-purpose flour, sifted
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 100 g (3 1/2 oz) mellow blue

water and butter and bring to a boil; stir in flour, beating well until mixture forms a thick consistency which starts to coat the sides of the pan.

2. Remove from heat and gradually beat in eggs. Let cool until just warm and then add cheeses and seasoning.

3. Heat sufficient oil to allow for deep frying, then drop spoonfuls of batter into hot oil and cook until puffed and golden. Cook up to 4 fritters at a time.

4. Drain and serve hot.  
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- cheese, roughly chopped
- 100 g (3 1/2 oz) fontina cheese, grated
- Salt and black pepper, to taste
- Oil, for frying

### Healthy eating

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# A sweet way to sustain Africa

## Chocolatey charity.

Cadbury rallying Canadians to help send bicycles to those who need them most

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A little thing here can make a huge difference somewhere else. That's the simple thought behind The Bicycle Factory, an innovative plan by Cadbury to send bicycles to Africa.

"We rally Canadians to help build bicycles for rural cocoa-growing communities in Ghana," says Aditi Burman, senior promotions manager at Kraft Foods, parent company of Cadbury.

"It's an interactive website — thebicyclefactory.ca — and what people do is they click on Cadbury product icons and turn them into bike parts. Every 100 parts turn into a real bike, until we reach this year's goal of 5,000 bikes."

The idea is to help sustain the farming communities that



Bicycles give students in Ghana better access to schools. Get involved and donate a bike. HANDOUT

grow the most essential raw material for Cadbury's chocolate.

"The bikes go to middle-

school students who live three-to-ten kilometres away from their school," she explains. "So it actually helps to

increase access to education. These students are at the highest risk of dropping out of school, because they live too

far away. Cadbury has been very active in Ghana, to help the communities in many different ways."

Often, we think of sustainability in terms of natural resources. Here's a chance to apply that same important principle directly to the future of some bright, clever, curious kids.

"It's a different, deeper level of sustainability. What we ultimately want to do is sustain the livelihood of our cocoa growers. This is another way in which we can do it."

Burman notes that a bicycle means something very different in Ghana than it does here in Canada.

"Canadians think about bikes for fun, fitness and fresh air, and they're great for the environment, of course. Our relation with bikes is really as an alternative to a car. But in places like rural Africa, bikes are actually an alternative to walking. It's a basic mobility issue."

One lucky Bicycle Factory builder will have a chance to experience all this first-hand.

"The grand prize is that someone will actually have the chance to deliver the bicycles in Ghana. There's a lot of fun things going on."

To get involved visit: thebicyclefactory.ca.

## His future looks very bright indeed

**Quebec to the Caribbean.** Pierre Ferland has arrived



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Pierre Ferland smiles as he walks through his restaurant in St. Maarten, greeting and talking to customers in English and French. He waves to the police chief who has come in for lunch and stops to help a busy waiter.

Pineapple Pete's is an island hotspot.

Born on a farm outside of Quebec City, Pierre started his own business at the age of nine selling fishing worms, and with his savings went on to put himself through university.

With a love for the hospitality industry his travels took him all the way to the Caribbean.

"It was a feeling when I landed. I just loved St.

### Tricks of the travel

"Self-discipline is the only thing that will get you through. You also have to learn how to control being homesick so I fly home a lot."

Pierre Ferland

Maarten".

The year was 1996 and today he is the proud owner of five businesses on the island employing over 80 people.

"Self-discipline is the only thing that will get you through."

You also have to learn how to control being homesick so I fly home a lot," he says with a smile.

Ferland also gives back to the island supporting local churches, charities, sports teams, musicians and authors.

"I was helped, so now I give back because I like to see people succeed."

### World wise

**On being successful in another country:**

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## Olympics

### Lifetime doping bans 'unlawful'

A person familiar with the ruling said Sunday that Britain's last attempt to keep former doping offenders off its Olympic teams has failed, with the Court of Arbitration for Sport declaring the lifetime bans unlawful. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## MLB

### Encarnacion powers Jays past Mariners

Edwin Encarnacion homered for the third straight day and Henderson Alvarez pitched six-plus innings for his first win of the season as the Toronto Blue Jays defeated the Seattle Mariners 7-2 on Sunday at Rogers Centre. Encarnacion hit a grand slam



Edwin Encarnacion  
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Saturday and a solo shot Friday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## NBA

### Parker's offence leads Spurs to win

Tony Parker scored 28 points and the San Antonio Spurs won their first playoff opener in four years, beating the Utah Jazz 106-91 in Game 1 of their first-round series Sunday.

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## Tennis



"This is the hardest match I had on clay court this season."

Rafael Nadal, who became the first player in the Open Era to win two tournaments seven times after beating David Ferrer 7-6 (1), 7-5 in Sunday's Barcelona Open final.

# Briere kicks it into high gear

**NHL.** Crafty centre's legend in Philadelphia continues to grow after coming through for Flyers in overtime

Danny Briere had two chances to celebrate his overtime winner.

The first time, his goal didn't count.

The second time, Briere left no doubt and put away Game 1, once and for all.

Briere continued to stamp his name alongside Philadelphia's post-season greats, scoring the winning goal 4:36 into overtime, leading the Flyers to a 4-3 win over the New Jersey Devils on Sunday to open this Eastern Conference semifinal series.

"He has his ups and downs, but he just picks it up in the playoffs. And that's what matters," Flyers coach Peter Laviolette said. "He's a guy who consistently gets it done."

Indeed, no Flyer is as clutch in the post-season as Briere.

His second attempt at the winner came minutes after his earlier goal was overturned on review because he kicked the puck into the net. But he wasted no time making up for it, firing a slapper past Martin Brodeur for his seventh goal of the playoffs.

Game 1	
4	3
Flyers	Devils

Brodeur was screened in front by Philadelphia forward James van Riemsdyk.

"When you look at the replay, it's kind of obvious," Briere said of the reversal. "But I needed to stop pouting and get back my focus in overtime. I ended up getting a break."

In doing so, Briere, who also scored in the second period, now has 106 points in 104 career post-season games.

"Is it pressure? I think it's fun," he said of playoff hockey. "When I have the opportunity, like I've had the past few years here, I try to take advantage of the opportunities."

The Flyers took the series lead in their first game in a week after eliminating Pittsburgh in Game 6 last Sunday. The weary Devils, meanwhile, played their third consecutive overtime game after defeating Florida in Games 6 and 7 to win their first-round series.

"I thought we played real well in the first," New Jersey coach Peter DeBoer said. "We just couldn't keep it up."

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Flyers centre Danny Briere celebrates his overtime goal against the Devils on Sunday in Philadelphia. ALEX BRANDON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Between the pipes

### Bryzgalov tops Brodeur in opener

Flyers fans who have suffered through decades of goaltending woes took great delight in chanting "Mar-ty! Mar-ty!" at goaltender Martin Brodeur.

The three-time Stanley Cup champion has faced the Flyers four other times in the post-season, winning two.

Opposing Brodeur was Ilya Bryzgalov, who had two shutouts and won all three starts versus the Devils in the regular season. He allowed one goal on 76 shots.

Bryzgalov made 23 saves to Brodeur's 32 in Game 1.

Brodeur will celebrate his 40th birthday next Sunday when the teams play Game 4 in New Jersey.

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## Curling. Canadian team bows out in quarter-final

Sweden jumped out to an early lead and never looked back Sunday in beating Canada 10-1 in quarter-final action at the world mixed doubles curling championship in Erzurum, Turkey.

Per Noreen and Camilla Johansson jumped out to a 5-0 advantage on Regina's Dean Hicke and Chantelle Eberle.

Switzerland went on to beat Sweden for gold 7-6 after advancing past the United States 9-7 in the semifinals. Sweden followed its win over Canada with a 13-3 rout of Austria.

Hicke and Eberle missed

key shots and scored their only point of the game in the fifth end.

"They just made everything and we just missed everything," Eberle said.

Hicke said the Canadian team could never get on track.

"They played good, better than good, they played great. We just didn't. The ice was a bit straighter on us. We just had an awful time following them in behind the centre guard," he said. "It just seemed to be end after end and perfect shots by them and not so good shots by us." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## IIHF

### Eberle does it all in exhibition play

Edmonton Oilers forward Jordan Eberle scored with 0.8 seconds left in regulation and then added the shootout winner Sunday as Canada downed Switzerland 2-1 in an exhibition game ahead of the IIHF World Hockey Championship.

Daniel Rubin scored in the third period to give the Swiss a 1-0 lead before Eberle tied it late.

Canada opens the tournament May 4 in Helsinki against Slovakia.

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## Golf. Dufner tops Els in playoff at Zurich Classic

Jason Dufner beat Ernie Els with a birdie on the second hole of a playoff Sunday at the Zurich Classic.

After entering the fourth round with a two-shot lead, Dufner shot a 2-under 70 at TPC Louisiana. Els had a 67 to match Dufner at 19-under 269.

After both players missed birdie putts within on the 18th, they went back to the 18th tee for the second extra hole, which Dufner won by hitting the green in two strokes and tapping home a short birdie putt.

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## In the running

Graham DeLaet of Weyburn, Sask., entered the final round two strokes back of the lead.

- He bogeyed on the fourth hole, but birdied on the 10th and 18th to finish tied for fourth at 16 under 272.



Graham DeLaet. GETTY IMAGES

# 4 SPORTS

## IndyCar

### Power pulls away in Sao Paulo

Will Power had a flawless race to win IndyCar's Sao Paulo 300 for the third straight time on Sunday, extending his dominance on the streets of South America's biggest city.

The Australian was hardly challenged at the four-kilometre, 11-turn Anhembi circuit, taking control of the race from the start to finish ahead of American Ryan Hunter Reay. "I think I love Brazil, I love Sao Paulo,"

Power said after climbing out of his car. It was Power's third straight victory after four races this season, and Penske's fourth straight.

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## On the web



Washington's Alexander Semin, who was stellar in a first-round upset of the Boston Bruins, skated on the fourth line in practice on Sunday after taking some ill-advised penalties in the Capitals Game 1 loss to the New York Rangers. Scan the code for the story.

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Predators Hall Gill, from left, Brandon Yip and goalie Pekka Rinne, watch an airborne puck with Coyotes forward Daymond Langkow, centre, on Sunday night in Glendale, Ariz. ROSS D. FRANKLIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Coyotes bark up 2-0 lead on Predators

**NHL.** Phoenix's offence comes to life against stingy Nashville defence and dominant goaltender Rinne

Shane Doan, Radim Vrbata and Antoine Vermette each had a goal and an assist, and the Phoenix Coyotes avoided their usual overtime theatrics, beating the Nashville Predators 5-3 on Sunday night to take a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference semifinal series.

Martin Hanzal and Taylor Pyatt also scored for the Coyotes. Ryan Suter, Patric Hornqvist and Andrei Kostitsyn scored for the Predators.

Phoenix scored three times on 19 second-period shots. The Coyotes built a two-goal lead early in the

Game 2

5

Coyotes

3

Predators

By the numbers

2nd

The Coyotes managed to avoid overtime for just the second time in eight playoff games so far.

second period. Nashville twice cut it to one only to see Phoenix quickly respond.

The best-of-seven series shifts to Nashville for Game 3 on Wednesday night.

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## Bynum a beast in Game 1

Denver Nuggets forward Al Harrington and Lakers centre Andrew Bynum battle for a rebound on Sunday in Los Angeles. Kobe Bryant scored 31 points and Bynum posted the Lakers' first playoff triple-double in 21 years with a post-season-record-tying 10 blocked shots as Los Angeles cruised to a 103-88 victory over Denver in Game 1 of their first-round series. Bynum also had 10 points and 13 rebounds. MARK J. TERRILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# NBAers blame injuries on condensed schedule

The NBA's compressed schedule, with 66 games in four months followed by one day off before the playoffs, was tough on everyone.

Did it cause more injuries?

"Yeah, probably," Chicago's Joakim Noah said.

What about the torn ACLs that ended the season for Derrick Rose and Iman Shumpert on Saturday?

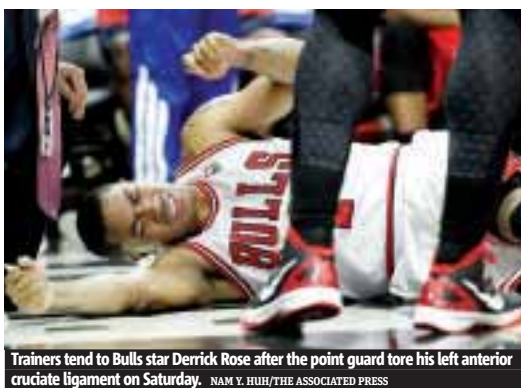
Unlikely, said a surgeon.

"There is no evidence that wear and tear, or that kind of issue, playing too much, really has any correlation with ACL injuries in any sport

that we've ever studied," Dr. David Altchek from the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York said Sunday.

Rose, last season's MVP, was hurt in the final minutes of Chicago's Game 1 victory over Philadelphia, and the Knicks' Shumpert went down a short while later. The blame game started soon after, with many pointing the finger at the hectic post-lockout schedule.

Boston centre Jermaine O'Neal, whose season ended early after wrist surgery, wrote on his Twitter page that it was a "clear sign" of



Trainers tend to Bulls star Derrick Rose after the point guard tore his left anterior cruciate ligament on Saturday. NAM Y. HUIH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"There's absolutely no issue there ... We're very optimistic that he'll come back at 100 per cent, 110 per cent."

Chicago Bulls GM Gar Forman, who backed coach Tom Thibodeau's decision to have Derrick Rose play late into Saturday's 103-91 win over the Philadelphia 76ers.

fatigued bodies from a condensed season, writing "2 torn acl injuries to key players!"

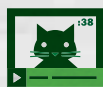
But Altchek argues that

too much playing could actually make a player less susceptible to the injuries that Rose and Shumpert sustained, because they might lack the type of explosiveness it takes to blow out a knee ligament.

"In fact, I think if you're tired, you're a lot less likely to tear your ACL because you're not going to be as explosive," said Altchek, who has operated on players such as Josh Howard, David West and Purdue's Robbie Hummel, and been a consultant for the NBA.

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# Sharability



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## Crossword

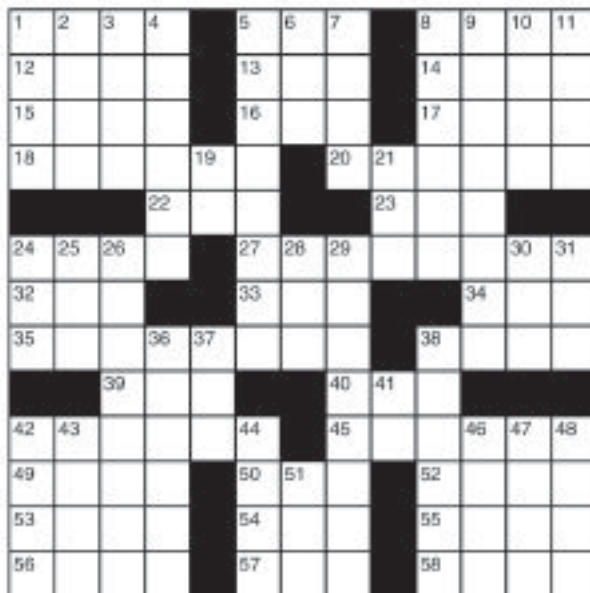
### Across

- 1 Radio's Limbaugh
- 5 Tackle moguls
- 8 Scratches (out)
- 12 Sweet sandwich
- 13 Stashed
- 14 Wield the shears
- 15 Poi base
- 16 Praise in verse
- 17 Dagwood's boss's wife
- 18 Reverend, e.g.
- 20 Long-legged shorebird
- 22 Request
- 23 Annoy
- 24 Youngest
- 27 List-condensing phrase
- 32 Web address
- 33 Kind of pron.
- 34 Operated
- 35 "She — Conquer"
- 38 "SportsCenter" channel
- 39 IRS worker
- 40 Western st.
- 42 Dervishes
- 45 Jacks
- 49 Cruising
- 50 Idolater's emotion
- 52 Up to
- 53 Gossip
- 54 Supporting
- 55 Otherwise
- 56 Relaxation

- 57 USNA grad
- 58 Out of play

### Down

- 1 Coll. mil. org.
- 2 Caspian Sea feeder
- 3 Withered
- 4 "Yippee!"
- 5 Lurid novels
- 6 Tease
- 7 Concept
- 8 Date, e.g.
- 9 Door hardware
- 10 Green land
- 11 Lovers' quarrel
- 19 "— not!"
- 21 Compete
- 24 Clear the tables
- 25 Illustrations
- 26 Ball-carrier's allies
- 28 Asian holiday
- 29 1995 Harvey Keitel movie
- 30 Eminem's genre
- 31 Raggedy one?
- 36 Narcotic
- 37 Standard
- 38 On cloud nine
- 41 Indefinite article
- 42 Disappear gradually
- 43 Actress Argentino
- 44 Out of harm's way
- 46 Gross



- 47 Couturier Schiaparelli
- 48 Coaster
- 51 Took the trophy

## Friday's Crossword



## Cryptoquip

### How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

Y T M I J Q S M Y Z P Y Z E  
Y Z B S Q F R J Z S P J Q J E J I V M Q J E  
D T T - V Y R Y S B . P D F V E Y S  
L J T D Q L Y E E J Z T V F S J ?  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: DURING THEIR  
COSMIC OUTINGS, THE THIRSTY ALIENS LIKED  
TO MAKE A STOP BY THE SPACE BAR.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals F



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## Sudoku



### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

## Friday's Sudoku



## Horoscope

### Aries | March 21 - April 20.

You don't much like taking orders but if you are smart you will do what someone in authority tells you today.

### Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

Sometimes it's hard to know who to trust, especially when different people give you vastly conflicting advice.

### Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

You will rise to whatever challenges fate sends your way.

### Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

Listen to what other people tell you today, even if — especially if — it's not something you are happy to hear.

### Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

You may be good at something and rightly

proud of your talent but don't start thinking you are the best in the business.

### Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

It may seem as if someone in authority is giving you a hard time for no good reason but from their point of view they have every reason to be annoyed.

### Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

Promise yourself that you will not get involved in any kind of argument or dispute today.

### Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

Are you thinking with your heart or are you thinking with your head?

### Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

If a partnership is not working

out the way you hoped, maybe you have been expecting too much of it.

### Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.

It might be best to keep certain thoughts to yourself, especially if they are the kind of thoughts that could get you into trouble with the powers that be!

### Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18.

Keep telling yourself that no matter what certain people are saying and no matter how much they doubt your abilities you are on the right track.

### Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

What's done is done and cannot be undone, so forget about the past and look to the future.

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## Weather

### MONDAY



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### TUESDAY



MAX: 21°  
MIN: 9°

### WEDNESDAY



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MIN: 8°



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